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FREIGHT, PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP;
NEW RAIL LINE OPENED

FIGURES LISTED -- Lidove Noviny, No 105, 5 May 49

In 1948 an average of 35 million persons monthly traveled in trains, compared to 29 million in 1947. The average number of passenger-kilometers run in 1948 was 1,513,000,000 monthly, compared to 1,221,000,000 in 1947. An average of 16,300 tons of baggage per month was transported in 1948, compared to 5,600 tons before the war.

In freight transportation, an average of 1,056,000,000 ton-kilometers per month was run, compared to 950 million in 1947. In 1948, 741 million ton-kilometers monthly were run in domestic traffic, while 315 million ton-kilometers monthly were run in international traffic. The increase in this latter transportation is mainly the result of high imports.

RAILROAD LINE DOUBLE-TRACKED -- Prace, No 101, 30 Apr 49

On 29 April the first train left the Gottwaldov station on the new track, the construction of which was begun last autumn. The single-track line between Gottwaldov and Otrokovice had been inadequate for a long time, and this necessitated the construction of the second track. Most of the work was done by brigades under the technical direction of employees of the Czechoslovak State Railroads. A total of 14,240 workers from the Svit state enterprise participated in this work in shifts; they worked 117,540 brigade hours.

NEW GAS LINE FROM OSTRAVA -- Rude Pravo, No 121, 24 May 49

Along the highway from Ostrava to Mistek, a gas pipeline is being laid from the coke ovens of the General Svoboda mine in Ostrava through Mistek, Novy Jicin, and Olomouc and on to Prostejov. A modern excavating machine is being used, making progress up to 200 meters a day possible. In 1951, when all 175 kilometers of the pipe have been laid, Ostrava will furnish gas to this whole region.

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